

Marine Fisheries

Planting Shellfish from Prohibited (Polluted) Areas (Permit for)

What Activities Require This Permit? Lease and franchise holders who wish to harvest shellfish from designated polluted areas and transport/relay them to their private leases for depuration.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To allow harvesters to utilize their leases/franchises for polluted product growth, while depurating the shellfish for safe harvest.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), Habitat and Enhancement Section. The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Division of Environmental Health, Shellfish Sanitation Branch, jointly issue the permits. The Division of Marine Fisheries, Marine Patrol Section supervises and monitors the permittees during the relaying process.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? No cost.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section, 3441 Arendell Street, Post Office Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? One week (5 business days).

Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section, 3441 Arendell Street, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557-0769. 1-800-682-2632; 252-808-8047; 252-808-8056

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid for a 6-week period from (approximately) April 1 through May 15 each year.

Notes/Comments: There are reporting requirements associated with this permit. Permittees must report number of bushels of shellfish transplanted and the amount of shell transplanted (in bushels). This is separate and above the annual lease reporting requirements. Leases are closed to harvest for a minimum of 21 days following the relay period. The Division of Marine Fisheries, Marine Patrol Section monitors the permittees during the relaying process.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.1, 113-203; North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03K .0104, 03K .0301, 03O .0501, and 18A .0303

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/habitat/enhancement/shellfish-leases>

Statewide Contact Information:

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